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SUBJECT: STATUS OF SECRETARIAL VISIT

1. DRAFT PROGRAM: MINAG OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DRAFT PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS AS ADVISED BY WASHINGTON. WE ARE ASSURED THAT ENTIRE PROTOCOL SECTION IS AT WORK ON THE MATTER AND THAT SUCH PROGRAM WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE ADVISED MINISTRY OFFICIALS BOTH ORALLY AND IN WRITING THAT WE MUST HAVE IT THIS WEEK.

2. NO ACTIVITIES ON MAY 7: WE HAVE SOVIET ASSURANCE THAT AIRPORT CEREMONIES WILL BE KEPT TO MINIMUM AND NO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE PLANNED FOR THAT EVENING.

3. REPRESENTATIONAL EVENT PLANS: AMBASSADOR TOON WILL HOLD A RECEPTION IN MOSCOW ON THE EVENING OF MONDAY, MAY 15. MINISTER MESYATS WILL PROBABLY HOST A LUNCHEON IN A RESTAURANT ON MAY 8 OR MAY 15 AND EXPECTATION THAT MAY 8 WILL BE A HOLIDAY WILL REPORTEDLY NOT INTERFERE. NO U.S.
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4. PLANE CLEARANCE: ALTHOUGH MFA WAS GIVEN PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF VISIT ON APRIL 12, INCLUDING SECRETARY BERGLAND'S REQUEST TO TRAVEL BY AF PLANE, THE FORMAL FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUEST FROM WASHINGTON WAS DELAYED AND

THEREFORE COULD NOT BE DELIVERED TO MFA UNTIL TUESDAY, APRIL 25. POLCOUN ASKED FOR REPLY BY APRIL 28, BUT RECEIVED NO ASSURANCE THIS DEADLINE COULD BE MET. MINAG INTERCEDENCE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL HAS BEEN REQUESTED, BUT IF CLEARANCE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY MAY 3, LATEST, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT INTERNAL TRAVEL BEYOND MOSCOW BE SWITCHED TO SOVIET AIRCRAFT. (FYI, MINAG HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED TO ADVISE US IF MAY 3 DEADLINE NEEDS TO BE MOVED BACK TO EARLIER DATE).

5. COMMENT: INABILITY TO FIRM UP REQUIRED ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH VISITS UNTIL LAST MINUTE IS USUAL FOR SOVIET UNION. AGATT OFFICE HAS BEEN IN ALMOST DAILY CONTACT WITH INVOLVED MINAG OFFICIALS. THE AMBASSADOR AND AGATT ALSO DISCUSSED TRIP AT APRIL 26 REPRESENTATIONAL EVENT WITH DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV, MINAG. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY DETAILS, RUNOV STATED THAT SOVIETS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF SECRETARY BERGLAND'S REQUESTS. FYI, ALL DESIRED APPOINTMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING, MAINLY DUE HOLIDAY EXODUS (MAY 1, 2, 8 (PROBABLY) AND 9). STRONGLY CAUTION AGAINST INCREASING PARTY BEYOND CURRENT LEVEL OF 24. ALSO, SINCE WE ANTICIPATE LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULES, EVEN DURING THE VISIT, PLEASE BE PREPARED FOR THIS PROBABILITY. TOON

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